



Camping 2008



Rocky Mountain National Park's five campgrounds contain 585 camping sites. Three campgrounds are open throughout the year. Two campgrounds take reservations for summer camping.

There will be temporary closures in the park this year pertaining to hazard tree removal and mitigation work for pine beetle. Timber Creek Campground is temporarily closed and may open early July. Contact the park Information Office at (970)586-1206 for updates and current status.

Except for Longs Peak Campground which accepts tents only, all campgrounds can accommodate tent trailers, tents, pick-up campers, RVs and motor homes. Length limits are listed on the back page of this folder. No more than eight people may be camped at a given site. The most popular time for camping in the park is from early July to early September. Campgrounds are frequently full from July 4th weekend through Labor Day and on fall weekends during the elk rut and foliage viewing times.

Campgrounds **Aspenglen (elv. 8220')**, with its 54 sites, is situated along Fall River, just inside the Fall River entrance on U.S. Route 34, west of Estes Park. The river borders the campground, providing a restful murmur as it flows from Fall River Pass down into Estes Park. **Open May 16 to September 23, 2008. Always first-come, first-served.**

Glacier Basin (elv. 8500') is bordered by Glacier Creek. Lodgepole pines provide shade in many of the campsites. Views west are to the Continental Divide. Several trails lead to Sprague Lake, Storm Pass, Glacier Gorge, Bierstadt Lake and Bear Lake. There are 150 individual and 14 group camping sites. **Open May 21 to September 9, 2007. Reservations taken.** Free shuttle bus to Bear Lake during summer months.

Moraine Park (elv. 8160'), with its 245 sites, is located in a ponderosa forest above Moraine Park. The rolling terrain is dotted with boulders. The campground is a short distance into the park, just west of Estes Park. Trails from the campground connect to numerous other trails. **Open all year. Reservations taken May 21 through October 6, 2008. The remainder of the year all sites are on a first-come, first-served basis.** Free shuttle bus to Bear Lake during summer months.

Timber Creek (elv. 8900') **TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR HAZARD TREE REMOVAL: MAY OPEN EARLY JULY.** Situated above the Colorado River and the Kawuneeche Valley 10 miles north of the town of Grand Lake on U.S. Rt. 34. The Never Summer Mountains rise to the west of the campground. **The 98 sites are open all year on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Reservations

Glacier Basin and Moraine Park campgrounds take reservations for camping up to six months in advance. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance of your camping date.

For reservations:

- Calls from within the United States: 1-877-444-6777
- Calls from outside the United States: 1-518-885-3639
- TTY calls: 1-877-833-6777
- Internet: <http://www.recreation.gov>

Fees

The following fees apply to all the park's campgrounds:

When water is turned on: \$20.00 per site per night.

When water is turned off: \$14.00 per site per night.

America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders receive a 50% discount on camping fees. Park entrance fees and camping fees can be paid by credit card.

Facilities & Services

Restrooms - When the water is on at a campground, there are flush toilets. When the water is turned off, there are vault toilets.

Water - Each campground has water spigots located near each site. Sinks with cold running water are located in each restroom facility. None of the campgrounds have showers. Portable showers are prohibited. When the water is off, no water is available; campers must provide their own water.

At all campsites - One camping unit (e.g. tent, RV, or trailer/tow vehicle) plus one additional tent. Eight person limit. Parking limited to 2 licensed vehicles (e.g. tow vehicle and camper, or 2 motor vehicles.)

Firewood & Ice - During the summer months, firewood is sold at all campgrounds. Ice is also sold at all campgrounds except Timber Creek.

Hookups - None are provided in any of the campgrounds. This means that there are no electrical or sewer facilities at the camping sites. In the restrooms there is electricity at the sink areas.

Dump Stations - At Glacier Basin, Moraine Park and Timber Creek.

Group Camping

During the summer months, group camping is available only in the Glacier Basin Group Camping Area, open May 21 through September 9, 2008. The area is tents only (no set limit on # of tents per site). Parking is limited to up to 5 vehicles (size dependent) per site. Additional parking may be available in an overflow area.

During the winter months, group camping is available at the Moraine Park campground.

Fees: \$3 per person Small site (10-15 people)
Medium site (16-25 people)
Large site (26-40 people)

Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

Length limits: Aspenglen: 30' motor homes and trailers.
Glacier Basin: 29' motor homes and trailers.
Moraine park: 35' motor homes and trailers.
Timber Creek: 30' motor homes and trailers.

Pets

All campgrounds allow pets, with certain restrictions: they must be on leashes no longer than 6'; they must be attended at all times; they may not be left alone in the campground, not even in a car or tent. **Pets are never allowed on park trails.**